

## Steel is doubtful

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HENDON, with only one point from four games and still without a league win, are almost certain to be without goalkeeper Gary Steel for the home Isthmian game with Kingstonian on Saturday. He sustained badly twisted knee ligaments in the 2-1 defeat at Wycombe Wanderers on Tuesday evening. Veteran Arthur Paisley stands by.

Steel, who had performed well for Hendon when Wycombe threatened to get on top just before the interval, was hurt trying to prevent the deciding goal 14 minutes from time — scored by Hendon defender Peter Anderson, who turned a corner from Mick Hollifield into his own goal.

Hendon, led after 54 minutes through George Brooks, after Roy Butler had intercepted a back pass by former Hendon favourite Alan Phillips.

But Wycombe, a shadow of their former greatness, were on terms inside a minute through Tony Horseman. Then came the costly decider, but substitute Steve Jefferies, who took over from Swaby in the closing stages, should have saved a point.

**HENDON:** G. Steel, P. Anderson, G. Hand, P. Deadman, A. Campbell, R. Haider, A. Field, G. Swaby (withdrawn), R. Butler, J. Butterfield, G. Brooks. Substitute: S. Jefferies.

# SUPPORTERS SCENE

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## TERRACE TALK

Unfortunately Hendon suffered yet another defeat on Tuesday evening, this time at the hands of Wycombe. Although Wycombe had their chances it was Hendon who took the lead after about 60 minutes following a shot from Brooks after good work by Butler who had robbed the 'keeper. However an error by Steel when he failed to hold a low shot which skidded along the slippery turf a minute later put Wycombe back on terms (his only blemish in an otherwise superb game). After absorbing considerable pressure Hendon finally cracked about 15 minutes from time.

However it might have been different if Butler had not had his cracking 30-yard shot on the turn just fingertipped over the bar shortly before the interval. Also had the crossbar not deprived the same player following an equally good shot after he had made a fine run down the left wing.

Team: Steel, Anderson, Hand, Deadman, Campbell, Haider, Field, Swaby (Jeffries), Butler, Butterfield, Brooks.